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THE SPEECH MADE AT *FARE-WELL-HALL*,

To the Honourable and Right Reverend Father in GOD

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By Divine Providence

Lord BISHOP of *Durham*,

On his Lordſhip's firſt Arrival in his DIOCESE, on *Friday July* 6, 1753.

By THO. SHARP, *D. D.*

Subdean of *Durham*, and Archdeacon of *Northumberland*.

With his Lordſhip's ANSWER.

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The Reverend Dr. *SHARP*'s

SPEECH

TO THE

Lord BISHOP of *Durham*, &c.

SUFFER my Lord a ſhort Interruption, while your Chapter beg Leave to pay their firſt Duties to your Lordſhip; and to offer their Service in conducting you to your Throne.

As it was a great Honour to me to repreſent your Lordſhip to the Dean and Chapter at your Inſtalment; ſo it is now my Duty by my Office to addreſs your Lordſhip, as the Dean and Chapters Repreſentative, on this moſt acceptable Occaſion.

FOR tho' there needs no other Atteſtation to your Lordſhips moſt welcome Reception among us, than that of the publick Joy which is expreſſed in ſo general a Concourſe to your firſt Appearance in Perſon with us; yet I am charged in particular, my Lord, with the Congratulations of our Capitular Body, upon your ſafe Arrival in your Dioceſe; and with the Tender of our Canonical Obedience and Reſpects, and with the publick Repetition of our Wiſhes, that your Lordſhip may long poſſeſs, and may long be happy in poſſeſſing this eminent Station to which Providence hath called you.

IT has been, and it is our Boaſt, that this antient *See*, with this *Palatinate* annexed, illuſtrious for ſeveral Ages in this Kingdom for extraordinary Dignity and Powers, hath not hitherto been deſtitute of Prelates correſponding thereto, but hath been filled, and properly ſupported in theſe Pre-eminences (ſo far at leaſt as the Remembrance of any of our Body reacheth) by Men illuſtrious in themſelves, great in their Abilities and Repute, if not great alſo by their Birth and Extraction: Whoſe Virtues, Learning, and other Accompliſhments have given, from Time to Time, additional Luſtre to our Epiſcopal Chair.

SO ſingular a Regard have our *Princes* had for this Church and County, in ſelecting Perſons of the moſt diſtinguiſhed Characters to ſuſtain an Office of diſtinguiſhed Prerogatives, as well as Amplitude of Juriſdiction.

AND in our Recitals of theſe Royal Favours, we muſt in an eſpecial Manner acknowledge *his* preſent *Majeſty's* Diſcernment, as well

well as Goodneſs to us in all *his* Deſignations to this See: Whereby the Series in the Roll of this Succeſſion hath ſtill preſerv'd its wonted Splendor, is ſtill continued uniformly, great and venerable: Whereby we are enabled not only to commemorate paſt Bleſſings under two of *his* gracious Appointments; but alſo to anticipate our future Felicity from the auſpicious Commencement of *a Government* of this Church and Dioceſe; which, as we gather from the riſing Proſpect of it, will be perfectly accommodated and adequate to our Deſires. And we indulge our Hopes, to a Degree ſcarce diſtinguiſhable from Aſſurance, that we ſhall ſoon recognize all the Marks of Worth, and all the ſhining Qualities, which have been the uſual Titles to this *Throne*, united in *one Perſonage*.

YOUR Lordſhip will make good *theſe Preſages* with more Eaſe perhaps than you hear them.

BUT the Event ſhall juſtify the Prediction.

FOR we perſuade ourſelves your Lordſhip will abundantly fulfil the univerſal Expectations that have been conceived from your Promotion to this Dignity; both within the County *Palatine*, and throughout your whole Juriſdiction.

WE of your Chapter in particular have promiſed to ourſelves a peculiar Happineſs from your Preſence with us at your *Cathedral*, and in our free Acceſs to you, as the Exigence of Caſes may require, for Advice or Protection.

HAD *the honourable Perſon* in whoſe Place I ſtand been here *himſelf* to have beſtow'd *his* Eloquence on this Occaſion, and to have

have clothed our Addreſs in the Ornaments of *his* Language, more Juſtice had been done to his own and the Chapter's Sentiments, or at leaſt our Compliment had been more happily diſcharged.

OUR Wiſhes nevertheleſs of Proſperity to your Lordſhip in all your Undertakings are the ſame, and attend you with equal Ardor tho' they may not be expreſs'd with ſo good a Grace. They extend, in the narroweſt Deſcription of them, to every Thing you can deſire yourſelf, and are limited by nothing but the Will of Heaven.

AND may your Lordſhip's Memorial in After-ages be laſting and precious as *thoſe* of your *Predeceſſors* have, or as *that* of your *noble Father*, whoſe Memory will be for ever honoured in the higheſt Courts of Law in the Realm.

MAY you perpetuate *the Family Name* in this Northern Climate, as it is already perpetuated by the *Family Deſerts* in the *Capital* of the Kingdom.

MAY you be *the Praiſe* of this Country as well as *a Bleſſing* to it, by wiſely and ſteadily exerting your Power in both its Branches, *Eccleſiaſtical* and *Secular*; by a wholeſome Adminiſtration of Diſcipline in your *Paſtoral* and *Viſitatorial* Capacity; by a noble and diſtintereſted Uſe of your *Temporal Privileges*; and by a Diſpenſation of your *Revenues* unexceptionably laudable.

His

His LORDSHIP'S *Anſwer.*

MY ſincereſt Acknowledgments are due to you Mr. *Subdean* and *Gentlemen*, for your obliging Congratulations upon my Arrival in the Biſhoprick of *Durham.*

THE Satisfaction you are pleaſed to expreſs in the great Honour his Majeſty has conferr'd on me, by raiſing me to this high Dignity, gives me a moſt *ſenſible Pleaſure*, as it flatters me with the *ſureſt Earneſt* of Succeſs in my Endeavours, to fulfil in ſome Meaſure his Majeſty's Views in conferring it: Since upon you I muſt rely (and upon your Profeſſions of Regard and Attachment I am ready to rely) for the neceſſary Aſſiſtance to enable me not to diſappoint them.

WHEN I reflect how invariably every Step of his Majeſty's Reign has been directed by the wiſeſt, and the tendereſt Concern, for the Welfare and Happineſs of all his People; very ill would it become me, however conſcious of my own Demerits, ſhould I attempt through an unſeaſonable Modeſty, to derogate from his Royal and Paternal Care, on Occaſion of my Advancement to preſide over you in this illuſtrious See. But when I conſider myſelf, and how little elſe I bring, than the Sincerity of my Wiſhes and Intentions

tentions to anſwer the various and important Duties of it. When I conſider too yourſelves, and the Diſadvantages I am under, from your great Knowledge and Diſcernment, from your Recollection of the learned and conſpicuous Characters, which have gone before me in it; and eſpecially from your late high raiſed Expectation, and ſevere Diſappointment in the tranſient Taſte you enjoy'd of the eminent Virtues and Talents of my much *Honoured Predeceſſor*; I own I feel my Apprehenſions very greatly alarmed, and at the ſame Time, my Dependance on your Candour and Counſel to diſpel them, as greatly increaſed.

To *theſe* I ſhall hope to reſort under every Difficulty; and to *theſe* I ſhall preſume I may always with Confidence and Freedom reſort, ſo long as you ſhall experience in me (and longer I may not require it) no other *Bias* than the warmeſt Zeal for our moſt Holy *Religion*, and excellent *Conſtitution*; and a *Heart* ſtrongly diſpoſed and determined by the Divine *Grace* to employ the many and peculiar Advantages of this diſtinguiſhed *Station* in ſupport of thoſe neceſſary Ends, (which, I doubt not, are no leſs your own) and in promoting, to the beſt of my Ability, the true Intereſts, *Religious* as well as *Civil*, of this *Country* and *Dioceſe*.

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